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CLEARANCE FOR VALLARPADAM CONTAINER TERMINAL PROJECT
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the requisite clearance for the Vallarpadam container terminal project was sought from the Indian Navy long before;

(b) if so, the details and reasons for delay in granting the clearance to the said project; and

(c) the time by which the clearance is likely to be given?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (c): Yes, Sir.

On March 22, 2002, the clearance was sought for installation of cranes of 120 metre height at the Project site.

The Navy has raised some objections for installation of high cranes at the Vallarpadam Container Terminal Project (VCTP) on the ground that this will be an obstacle in landing/take-off of the Naval aircrafts at the Naval Airport. The International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) requirements for obstacles clearance also do not permit positioning of high cranes in the proposed area.The matter is still under examination.